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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
DE 198 50 448 A1	5/4/00	Takata Vehicle Safety Technology GmbH
DE 200 16 717 U1	3/22/01	TRW Occupant Restraint Systems GmbH & Co., KG
2001-251737 Patent Abstracts of Japan	8/22/01	Toyota Motor Corp.

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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## **REFERENCE DESIGNATION**

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